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SUBJECT: YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANIZATION VISIT

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EIGHTEEN YPO'S PLUS WIVES AND CHILDREN ARRIVED EVENING OF AUGUST 3 AND DEPARTED FOR SAFARI AND GAME RUNS MORNING OF AUGUST 5. DURING 12 HOUR PERIOD THAT YPO-ERS WERE AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESS, EMBASSY PROVIDED 1-1/2 HOUR BRIEFING IN MORNING AND HOSTED A COCKTAIL IN EVENING ATTENDED BY GOK AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WITH ASSISTANCE OF PEACE CORPS, EMBASSY ALSO HOSTED POOLSIDE RECEPTION AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR CHILDREN OF YPO'S WHICH INCLUDED PCV'S, THEIR KENYAN COUNTERPARTS AND EMBASSY YOUNGSTERS. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME AT BOTH RECEPTIONS. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUS POSTS ON ITINERARY HAVE DONE, EMBOFFICERS ENCOURAGED YPO-ERS TO ARRANGE TRADE AND/OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN KENYA. KENYAN BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING FRUITFUL BUSINESS RELATIONS AND THEY CONVEYED THIS POINT TO YPO-ERS. YPO-ERS FOR THEIR PART, EXPRESSED INTEREST, ASKED THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND IN ONE OR TWO CASES INDICATED THAT OFFICERS OF THEIR COMPANIES WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP IN "SEVERAL MONTHS" WITH VISITS TO AFRICA. HOWEVER, NO SOLID TRANSACTIONS WERE CONCLUDED, NOR, FRANKLY, DID EMBASSY OR KENYANS

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REALLY EXPECT THAT ANY BUSINESS WOULD BE DONE NOW FROM SO SHORT

A VISIT.LINDSTROM

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